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Informal GCS Meeting Okays Joint DC Expansion Project

About sixty members of Greenbelt Consumer Services, last night informally endorsed the board's recommendation for an expansion project. The reaction to the presentation by board members Frank Lewis and Morris Solomon, together with a short explanation by general manager Sam Ashelman, was enthusiastic. Following the hour long presentation the meeting was thrown open for discussion.

The new expansion envisages a joint venture in northwest Washington by GCS and the Rochdale Co-ops. Each co-op would invest \$15,000 in setting up a new corporation. A management contract would be executed between GCS and the new corporation, with resultant savings in administrative expenses. Many members present expressed approval of the plan, and were convinced of the benefits to be derived from this type of cooperative expansion. They agreed in principle to the entire plan, and, in an informal vote, unanimously endorsed the board's proposal.

Objections raised were concerned with operating procedures rather than with the expansion idea per se. Some members, concerned with immediate advantages to Greenbelt, queried the board closely on thinking with regard to direct services in Greenbelt, and it was disclosed that GCS is reopening negotiations with PHA on the possible purchase of the land under the

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New Housing Group To Develop Land

The board of directors of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation will hold a special meeting next Monday night, February 9, to discuss recent developments with regard to the vacant land.

According to Bruce Bowman, board secretary, a new subsidiary corporation will be formed to handle the development of the 800 acres. This organization, with the tentative title of Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), will consist at the outset of five GVHC board members: Salzman, Ritchie, Bowman, Webster and Burgoon. Membership will be open to any resident wishing to participate in the development plans, and a program is being laid out to make vacant land available for sale in lot sizes.

GVHC To Pay City Taxes Each Month

Approval of a plan for Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation to make twelve monthly tax payments to the city was granted by the city council at its meeting last Monday night. According to the city charter, tax payments are due in September. GVHC would have been required to collect money in advance for October, November and December taxes, if the twelve-month plan was not approved. Also, the city would need to borrow money to operate the city until the September tax payment was made. This would involve additional charges for interest.

Public Housing Administration made monthly payments when it made "payments in lieu of taxes" as owners of homes in Greenbelt. Its contract with GVHC also requires that GVHC make tax payment before September, in accordance with the charter, but GVHC attorneys and PHA representatives are now negotiating to permit monthly tax payments.

S O S

The Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad needs new members. All those interested are invited to attend the next meeting of the Squad on February 11 at 8:30 p.m. in the firemen's hall, under the police station.

PHA Offers Apartm'ts For Public Bid Sale

Greenbelt's 306 brick apartments, located on Crescent Road and on Parkway, are for sale by the Public Housing Administration.

The 12 apartment buildings were offered for sealed competitive bids in an advertisement appearing in the Sunday real estate section of a Washington paper. Bids are to be opened on March 19.

Terms of the sale call for 20 percent cash, 80 percent purchase money mortgage payable in 25 years with interest at 4 1/2%. Interest and amortization are to be paid quarterly on the level payment plan.

It is expected that the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation which turned down the purchase of the apartments originally from PHA because of the high price asked, will enter a bid.

Credit Union Elects Board And Officers

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union was held on January 21, and the reports of President Joe Comproni and Treasurer John Maffay indicated another successful year - both financially and in service to membership.

Almost 30% of the \$123,500 in loans consisted of loans for down-payments on homes in Greenbelt.

Following the reports, elections were held for the board of directors, credit committee, and supervisory committee. Elected to the board were Frank Perazzoli, Lawrence Fern, Charles Benson, William Rosano, Al Folkman and Joe Comproni. John Maffay is serving the second year of a two-year term. Returned to the credit committee were Ben Rosenzweig and Jim Beck. Ed Kaighn, Tom Snoddy and Edwin Link were elected to the supervisory committee.

At a meeting of the new board on January 26, the following officers were elected: Joe Comproni, president; Frank Perazzoli, vice-president; John Maffay, treasurer; and William Rosano, secretary. Lawrence Fern was elected chairman of the membership committee.

Membership in the Credit Union is now at an all-time high of 687 members. All residents of Greenbelt, or persons employed here, are eligible for membership. The Credit Union is a non-profit enterprise created for the purpose of serving its members by providing a means for investment of funds, as well as for making loans to members for provident or productive purposes.

For those who invested in the Credit Union, a 4% dividend was declared at the membership meeting. The city has adequate and prepared personnel to handle these lines, along with the regular main lines which the city owns.

City to Celebrate 'Brotherhood Week'

"Brotherhood Week" will be celebrated in Greenbelt February 15-21. The city council passed a resolution proclaiming recognition of nation-wide observance of Brotherhood Week, and city manager Charles McDonald will arrange a meeting of representatives of civic organizations to recognize the occasion.

Rent Protestors Meet, Form GTA

About thirty local residents organized the Greenbelt Tenants Association last Friday in the community auditorium. The purpose of the group is to fight the rent increase granted to Public Housing Administration by the Office of Rent Stabilization last December. Officers elected by the GTA are Frank Comploir, president; Ed Trumbull, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Galvin, secretary.

Members agreed to fight the rent increase through the courts and decided to raise \$1000 for lawyer fees. The money will be solicited in a door-to-door campaign. Arrangements have been made with the local bank for tenants to deposit contributions in the GTA fund.

Also elected were six committee members to plan the campaign for funds. They are Dan Vucci, William Schoeb, Stan Provost, Charles Wright, Guy Moore, and George Reed. Board members will also accept money for the rent fight.

Lillard Proposes

Comploir announced that J. F. Lillard, Hyattsville attorney, has declared that the rent increase can be fought successfully in the courts, after hearing evidence produced at a rent protest hearing several weeks ago. Members were reminded that they might have a good chance of recovering their contribution and more if the rent increase is rescinded.

Hal Fischer opened the meeting and acted as chairman until the election. He declared that the group has no grievance with Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation and that preliminary arrangements among rent protestors were not carried out in secrecy. He commended the Cooperator on its editorial last week and fair treatment of the news regarding the rent issue.

City To Maintain All Sewer Lines

Sewerage lines from homes to the first main line will become the property of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, it was disclosed by city manager Charles McDonald last Monday. Public Housing Administration has rewritten its dedication document to delete those lines from the items to be dedicated to the city. Maintenance of these lines, usually the main source of difficulty in sewerage lines, will be GVHC responsibility, as a result of the change.

McDonald revealed that GVHC has already included the cost of maintenance of these lines in the monthly payment schedules and that it will not result in additional charges for home-owners. GVHC, however, is negotiating with the city to turn over maintenance of these lines to the city, and make payments for this service. The city has adequate and prepared personnel to handle these lines, along with the regular main lines which the city owns.

City Prepares To Operate Water, Sewage Utility; Approve Rates

Conservation of water was emphasized at the city council meeting last Monday night, as the city prepared to accept the water and sewerage utility from the federal government by February 15. City Manager Charles McDonald submitted a tentative schedule of rates for this service, but the council could not take action on the schedule until the ownership of the water and sewage service is transferred definitely.

Water, Water All Around And Not A Drop for Free

Maryland had one of its wettest years in recent times in 1952 and at the same time narrowly missed drought conditions, according to a review of U. S. Weather Bureau data by the state's Committee for Conservation Now.

Rainfall in many sections of the state was 10 or more inches above normal for the year, and there were more than usual number of "gully washer" rains. Despite the above normal precipitation, however, a severe dry spell occurred during the period of July 11 to August 2 and another from late September to the end of October.

Unofficial tabulations made by the Committee of precipitation at 23 out of 98 stations showed an average of 51.28 inches last year, compared with normal annual precipitation for the state of 41.91 inches. Exceptionally heavy rains of more than three and four inches in a 24-hour period were recorded in April, July, August and September.

Greenbelt Wins Oscar For Chest Contribution

Greenbelt residents, for the second successive year, have been awarded an Oscar for exceeding their Community Chest Drive quota.

The award was made February 4 during the annual meeting of the Prince Georges County Community Chest and Planning Council at the Methodist Church in Hyattsville.

Mrs. Abraham Chasanow, Greenbelt Drive chairman, received the Oscar from Philip Lustine, chairman of the County Community Chest Drive, on behalf of Greenbelters who contributed approximately \$1250.

Assisting Mrs. Chasanow in the local drive were the following: Mrs. James Flynn, assistant chairman; and block captains, Mrs. James Gordon, Mrs. Ralph Webster, Mrs. Harold Fischer, Mrs. Ralph Converse, Mrs. Joseph Fitzmaurice, Mrs. J. P. Murray, Mrs. Thomas Callanan, Mrs. Vernon Iseli, Mrs. W. H. Hunt, Mrs. Bruce Bowman, Mrs. Raymond Haber, Miss Cyrilla O'Connor, Mrs. Hugh Burns, and Mrs. J. W. Barcus.

B-Block team, under Mrs. Ralph Webster, captain, collected the greatest number of contributions.

North End PTA Holds Founders Day Program

The regular PTA meeting of the North End school will take place Tuesday, February 10, at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. This is a special Founders Day program, with past presidents of the North End PTA attending.

Mrs. Joseph Yuill, study group chairman of the County PTA Council, will be the guest speaker of the evening. The topic will be "The P.T.A. — Is It Good?" with a question and discussion period to climax the evening program. Refreshments are to be served.

Mayor Frank Lastner disclosed that the use of water in Greenbelt far exceeds consumption in other communities in the area. Accordingly, the rate appears high. Only diligent conservation of water can bring the cost down, the mayor declared. Water will be distributed on a flat rate basis, according to the size of the dwelling served. Enforcement of conservation of water may be instituted by ordinance if test-metering and mid-year water volume shows excessive use.

No WSSC Rate Yet

If conservation methods are adequate, the savings will be reflected in a lower rate the following year, it was stated. Overall revenue for a year's supply of water will amount to \$60,000, the tentative schedule revealed. Although the Washington Sanitary Commission has not established the rate to be paid by the city for water at wholesale, it is not expected to exceed 27 cents a thousand gallons. The council and manager are negotiating for a reduced rate based on the city's operation of its own sewage disposal plant. (The Sanitary Commission includes in its rate the cost of sewage disposal.)

Lastner stated that his investigation of water charges by Public Housing Administration disclosed that it barely covered the cost of water. "Citizens can save money by operating the water utility themselves," Lastner asserted. "Our consumption is way over the other communities—we need conservation and it will reflect in our water bill." Water for commercial use will be metered.

PEPCO May Grant Urban Power Rate

The urban rate for electricity is almost assured Greenbelt residents, it was announced at last Monday's city council meeting. Mayor Frank Lastner reported on meetings with officials of the Potomac Electric and Power Company and stated that Pepco is willing to grant the cheaper rate if certain arrangements are completed. One of the arrangements is acceptance of a plan to provide more adequate lighting for the city; the other, elimination of a franchise fee. (No other communities served by Pepco charge a franchise fee, it was revealed.)

The lighting features will provide new and more efficient light fixtures on roads now lighted, 24 taller pedestrian lights scattered strategically throughout the community (instead of the 48 low, inefficient lights now existing, of which only 5 are functioning), and 30 street lights along Crescent road from the city to the lake, McDonald explained.

The cost to the city for replacement, repair and service for these lights will be \$7000 a year. Existing lights, if kept, would cost about \$5000. Already included in this year's budget for lighting is \$8300. Although the franchise will provide the city with no revenue, there is a personal property tax which will give the city some income from Pepco's fixtures and property in the city.

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Editorial

With Spring not far off many of us are thinking ahead to spring cleaning and the care of our lawns and gardens. But we should not wait for warm weather to start cleaning up our city's face. We should start now! The community has never looked worse than it does now, and it seems that more and more people are commenting on its sloppy appearance. Take a look around! Hedges, sidewalks, public and private lawns, and the parking areas are littered with paper and debris. Leaves in some places are ankle-deep.

We are all at fault to some extent. Neglect started in the city when the Public Housing Administration reduced its maintenance force; and when PHA relaxed its standards, many of us followed suit. The period of uncertainty over the final disposition of the homes in Greenbelt undoubtedly contributed to the general let-down in appearances. Also, the hold-up in dedication by PHA of certain portions of the city is responsible to some degree.

The situation is becoming more stable now that the homes have been purchased by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation and the anticipated dedication of recreation and park areas to the city is soon to take place. We may expect soon, that GVHC, the city, and Greenbelt Consumer Services will do their part to make Greenbelt a cleaner place to live in. We residents can join in a clean-up campaign by policing our own places and by not littering public areas.

My Daze

The merry-go-round of respiratory infections in our house hold has got me dizzy keeping track of temperatures, medicine schedules, and carting trays up and down stairs. The old reliable vaporizer is in almost steady operation. Luckily, wonder drugs keep it all under control, for the most part, but what d'ya do to ward off contagion in the first place? When mother feels under the weather, then things can be really tough.

Baby's more of a nuisance than ever as he practices new climbing tricks and pushes furniture about, displaying a monkey-like intelligence in attaining new heights of achievement. More delightful aspects of his recent development are his present understanding and responses. Also, many crudely spoken words, gukie for cookie, dop for stop, nnnno!, ma-ma, dad-dy, at for hat, kay for O.K., opp for up, da for down, and last but not least 'cereal' 'eat' and 'out, prove, to us, how bright he is after all. There's no doubt about it!

There was a scraping noise when I backed into a parking space at Sears, and as luck would have it the couple who owned the other car approached just then. I shifted gears and tried to pull forward while the lady shouted "Stop -- you'll rip off the fender." Indeed, as I stopped, I discovered my back left bumper neatly locked with the back right fender of the other car. "I'm sorry," I muttered. "Being sorry doesn't help," snapped the lady. "It's very unnecessary," she added, and I agreed with her--sliently "Why don't you move forward?" I suggested humbly to the husband, "and see what happens." He did, bless him, extricated himself, and drove off without a word.

Maybe I'm bragging, but as per Manager Paul Campbell's (of GVHC) instructions, I think I've figured our February rent correctly.

-- DAISY.

Notice

If your paper is not delivered by 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, call James O'Neill, circulation manager, GR. 3-4657.

It is suggested that this notice be clipped and saved for future reference.

Letters To Editor

THANKS FOR DIMES

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making the "Mothers' March on Polio" drive a success. The total amount collected was \$822.65.

MRS. C. C. MULLADY.

THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the nice gift and cards. I sure appreciated it so much for their kind thinking of me while I am off sick.

HELEN GIBSON.

SERVICE

We have just read the report of Joe Comproni, president of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, and feel that their board and officers should be congratulated for the excellent community service they have rendered. I know from personal observation that they have spent many hours to build up this strong community cooperative organization.

SAMUEL F. ASHELMAN, JR.

Family Graveyards Discovered Here

An old, forgotten cemetery located behind the maintenance building was discovered about a year ago by maintenance supervisor David J. Kane, it was learned this week from Paul M. Campbell, general manager of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation.

The discovery was not made public earlier, as there was some doubt as to whether it was located on government (now GVHC) property or not. The cemetery does not appear on any maps or surveys of the area, but it has recently been determined to be on GVHC land.

The name of Hamilton appears on the headstones, and small stones may mark the burial places of slaves, Kane said. The date on the grave of "Andrew Hamilton," is 1823 and his son and granddaughter are buried there also. Kane has begun some research into the family history and the Cooperator will bring its readers all available information on this "first family of Greenbelt."

GVHC plans to petition the Maryland Park and Planning Commission through the city council to name the road to the maintenance building "Hamilton Road," according to Campbell.

Rescue Squad Sponsors Square Dance Saturday

At its last monthly meeting, the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad elected the following officers: John A. Katz, chief; Wilmer Kluth, assistant chief; Lowell E. Fundom, recording secretary; James Williams, treasurer; John A. Pugh, Jr., captain; Tom Snoddy, lieutenant. John McLaughlin was elected to his second term as corresponding secretary.

The Rescue Squad is sponsoring a dance Saturday, February 7, from 8:30 to 11 p.m. in the firemen's hall (below the police station). Planned are round and square dancing, Paul Jones, "and anything else you can think of." Proceeds will go to the Rescue Squad, and all Greenbelters old and new are invited to get acquainted at this party.

U.N. Essays To Be Read At Com. Church

Three young students of the Greenbelt Junior High school will read their winning essays on the subject "What the United Nations Means to Me" at the 11 a.m. service next Sunday at the Community Church.

Phyllis Chasanow of Greenbelt, Carole Cortes of Riverdale, and Philip Perkins of College Park will be the participants, according to Allan I. Chotiner, junior high principal. A fourth winner, Janet Hilder of Beltsville, is unable to be

First Judaism Lecture

Features Ethics

By Morton Beroza

The first in a series of lectures on Judaism was delivered by Rabbi C. H. Waldman on January 28. The lecture covered the growth of morals and ethics from Biblical times to about 350 BC. Rabbi Waldman stated that the primary source of Jewish morals and ethics is the Bible (Old Testament). However, a much more voluminous source of morals and ethics are the commentaries on the Bible.

Down through the ages prophets and great scholars contributed their interpretations of the Bible. These interpretations were studied by the judges of each era in order to be equipped to render fair decisions. The lecture was followed by an interesting discussion of the subject with the audience participating.

In the second lecture of the series, Rabbi Waldman will continue his discourse on the development of morals and ethics. The lecture will be held at the home of Harry Zubkoff, 17-H Ridge on Wednesday, February 11 at 8:30 p.m. Members and non-members are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Eric T. Braund, Minister

Sunday, February 8 - Church School as follows: 9 a.m., Primary and Nursery; 10 a.m., Juniors through Adults; Men's Bible Class; Fidelis Bible Class; 11 a.m., kindergarten, Beginners, and Nursery. Morning Worship, 9 and 11 a.m. At 9, Sermon by Rabbi C. H. Waldman, 11 a.m., UN essay winners; Boy Scout Sunday.

Sunday, February 15 - 7 to 8:30 p.m., Open House for all parents of church school children and young people, Social Hall.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

Services will be held in the social room of the Center school Friday evening at 8 p.m. Candlelighting time 5:11.

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Saturday, February 7 - Junior choir rehearsal, 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 8 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible class. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Divine Worship. Sermon on II Cor. 2, 9 - "Glorying in Infirmitiess."

Tuesday, February 10 - 8 p.m., Lydia Guild.

Wednesday, February 11 - 8 p.m., Senior choir rehearsal.

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C. R. Strausburg, Minister

During the pastor's illness the Reverend Patrick H. Williams will occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock.

Sunday services are held at the North End school.

ST. HUGHS CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 6: First Friday of the Month - Mass at 7 a.m. Holy Communion also distributed at 6:45 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and in the evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery care for preschool children during the 11 a.m. Mass. This is Holy Communion Sunday for members of the Holy Name Society at the 7:30 Mass.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgill beforehand.

Wednesday: Novena Services followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. Meeting of the Holy Name Society immediately after the Novena.

RESERVE

THURS. FEB. 26 for the GVHC ANNUAL MEETING

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Boy's Club Activities

By Lee

The Boy's Club annual Parents and Sons Football Banquet was held in the Community Church last Wednesday evening. It was a big evening for the boys when they received their letters and awards, some of them for the first time in the boy's club, while others were repeaters in winning awards. It appeared as if the parents enjoyed it just as much as their sons did. The Rev. Braund did the MC-ing and as usual did a very entertaining job. Mr. Byron, the president of the Prince Georges Boy's Clubs was present and gave a short talk. Former Maryland University All-American guard Bob Ward also spoke. An excellent dinner was served by the Ladies' Guild to one hundred and forty persons and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Basketball Bounces On

Scores and information on the games came in too late last week to get it in the paper so will bring you up to date this issue. The first games of the season were reported with all teams winning except the seniors who lost their first game to Green Meadows. Since then the Midgets have been defeated January 24, 46-24; hi-scorer Reamy with 16 and Attick, 9. January 31 they defeated Takoma Park 50-15, Hi Reamy-13 McDonald-9. The Midgets are undefeated so far in their first three games. The Intermediates defeated Takoma Park last week 46-21; Hi-scorer Tony Baker with 14. They also have been undefeated in their first three games. The Juniors defeated Riverdale January 22 by a score of 57-40; Hi, Woods with 12 and Aikin-7. January 29 the Juniors defeated Takoma Park 72-36; Hi, Ashley-16 and Caruso-15. They also have been undefeated in their first three games. The Seniors who lost their opening game have gone on to win the last two defeating Riverdale and Takoma. We will try and keep up with them each week. All scores should be in by Saturday evening for the week.

All boys interested in boxing, come on down to the Center school gym and see Coach Frank Compoyer Wednesday or Thursday evening or Saturday morning. Some big shows coming up, so hurry up! See you next week!

DAV Chapter Meets In Hyattsville Monday

Disabled American Veterans, Hyattsville Memorial Chapter No. 23, will hold its next meeting, Monday, February 9, at 8 p.m. at the Hyattsville Armory. All service-connected disabled veterans, or those who were POWs, or holding an SCD or CDD or BMS (medical) discharge are eligible for membership and are welcome to attend.

This DAV Chapter covers the area embracing Greenbelt, and includes Hyattsville, Bladensburg, Brentwood, Cheverly, College Park, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston, Landover, Laurel, Mt. Rainier and Riverdale.

For information call Adjutant at TOWER 9-9555.

Local Drop-Inn Known As Area 'Stork Club'

The local Drop Inn is considered the "Stork Club" of the teen-agers in the area, it was revealed by Ellen Linson, County recreation director. Mrs. Linson, present at last Monday's city council meeting, said that area youngsters consider our Youth Center the "elite" of centers operating in communities surrounding Greenbelt.

It was disclosed that over 50% of the Drop-Inn members are teenagers living outside Greenbelt. The council recommended that the city manager attempt to get assistance from the county recreation program in providing personnel for Drop-Inn supervision. Mrs. Linson disclosed that 15 other teen-age centers in the county are receiving some assistance of this type. She added that the county can provide personnel for the summer recreation program if the county recreation board is notified of the need.

Nominations Open For GVHC Board Election

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation will be held Thursday, February 26 at 8:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt theater.

In addition to election of a new board of directors and a new audit committee, the meeting will feature an address by Murray Lincoln, president of the Farm Bureau Insurance companies.

As the Cooperator goes to press, eight of the nine current board members have agreed to run for office for another term. These include Mike Salzman, Ralph Webster, Bruce Bowman, Tom Ritchie, Bernard Bordenet, Elliott Bukzin, Ed Burgoon and Joe Fitzmaurice. The ninth member, Roy Davis, has not yet announced his intentions.

Donald Kern, chairman of the GVHC nominations and elections committee, has informed the Cooperator that nominations are open, both for the board and for the auditing committee. Names of all candidates, together with brief biographical sketches, should be submitted to Kern at 5 Woodlandway, GR 3-5107.

"These jobs are vitally important to all residents," said Kern, "and we must get more candidates if we are to have a real election."

Honor Scouts Sunday

Cubs and Boys Scouts of Troops 202 and 229 will be honor guests at the 11 a.m. service at Community Church this Sunday, in observance of National Boy Scout Day. Curt Barker, neighborhood Scout commissioner and Community Church representative, will lead the Scouts in an appropriate ceremony.

Health For All

Your Child and Nephrosis

Most of us don't think of kidney disease as a childhood illness. Yet it does attack children, most often between the ages of two and four. It is not, of course, one of the more common children's diseases, but it is always serious and sometimes fatal.

Nephrosis is the general name for the kinds of kidney disease found among children. If discovered early, it can be successfully treated.

Its early symptoms, however, are not always easy to recognize and its exact cause is not fully understood. Nephrosis results usually when for some reason the child's body is not able to absorb protein and fat in the normal way. It is known that, if a child has nephrosis, tests show a lack of protein in the blood and an abnormal amount of protein in the urine. If this condition is not treated promptly, malnutrition and anemia may follow. I unchecked, the disease results in edema, or swelling, in certain parts of the body, caused by failure of the kidneys to dispose of accumulated liquids properly. In severe cases, blood pressure goes up and the heart is affected. In these cases, the disease can be fatal.

By lowering the patient's resistance, nephrosis also leaves him open to attack by other diseases, such as pneumonia or influenza.

Early treatment can check nephrosis, usually with the assistance of modern drugs, and sometimes surgery. The disease may last from six months to two years, or longer.

Its earliest symptoms may be nothing more than loss of appetite, irritability, and lassitude. If these signs, not serious in themselves, continue for several days, the best course is to ask your doctor to make a thorough examination of your child, including blood and urine tests.

Other symptoms of early nephrosis include irregularity in your child's urinary habits, blood in the urine, puffy eyelids, swollen abdomen, feet or ankles. If you spot any of these symptoms, do not hesitate in calling the doctor. Then follow the doctor's instructions.

By Maryland Tuberculosis Assn.

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Cub Scouts Lose Halpin; Gain Kopacz

By Miriam Johnson

Cub Scouting in Greenbelt is suffering a severe loss in the resignation of Bob Halpin, who has been Pack 229's guiding light since its drastic reorganization in September, 1951. Lively, well-planned pack meetings, inspiring award ceremonies and increased membership were the immediate result. Cubs, Den Mothers and Committee men alike will miss Bob's well-informed Scouting outlook. The resignation was tendered at Tuesday night's pack committee meeting at the Halpin home.

His new position as Airway Operations Specialist in the Civil Aeronautics Administration at the Norfolk Control Tower calls him to Norfolk, Virginia, February 16. His wife Marcia and the three children will remain at 11-L Ridge and expect him for frequent weekend visits.

Walter Kopacz, a Greenbelt resident since November 1, will take over as Cubmaster as soon as he gains some Scouting experience. Until that time the position of Cubmaster will alternate monthly between Sanford H. Cornett and Christopher C. Mullady.

Newcomers Mr. and Mrs. Kopacz have one child, Martin. Lucky to have parents who have always been interested in youth work and when in Ironton, Ohio, paid weekly visits to the twenty-six inmates of the city's orphan home to play games, hike and pal with them. Walter, who works at the National Bureau of Standards, calls for volunteers as the pack needs Committee and Den Mothers. Four of the present seven Den Mothers have already tendered their resignations. Please telephone names to Kopacz at 6522. It was a Cooperator announcement that drew Walter into the Pack!

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New Residents Meet Neighbors At Party

More than a hundred Greenbelters, old-timers and newcomers plus their youngsters, spent a social evening Sunday at the Center school as guests of Greenbelt Consumer Services in a welcome party.

After a spaghetti supper served in the social room, the grownups gathered in the auditorium for entertainment while the youngsters behind to watch movies. Square dancing was led by Mr. and Mrs. Mont White of Arlington, Mr. White calling the sets accompanied by Mrs. White at the piano and Quinn Allison on the electric guitar. While the dancers took a breather, the Whites demonstrated the Irish waltz with GCS board member Frank Lewis taking a turn at the piano. Lewis later led group singing, and Ellen Linson conducted a guess-the-leader game.

GCS General Manager Sam Ashelman introduced board members and other Greenbelt leaders to the new residents, and dinner chairman Carnie Harper accepted the group's thanks for the occasion. Townsend Scudder, GCS staff member in charge of arrangements, was home in bed with the flu. The party broke up after more square dancing, with the promise of an other welcome-evening in the near future.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Van Camp, 3-E Crescent, announce the birth of their ninth child, Thomas Michael, born January 9 at Leland Memorial Hospital. Of the five boys and four girls, seven were born during the years that the family has lived in Greenbelt.

Bev and Lucille Fonda have moved from 9-C Research to 6-A Ridge. Their new phone number is 7023. The Fondas celebrated their mutual birthday February 2.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeKowzan, 25-C Ridge, on the death of his mother last week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danish, 36-L Ridge, had as their house guest for several days, her cousin, Miss Lila Blum, a student at Columbia University, New York City.

Mrs. George York, 14-U Ridge, was really surprised the evening of January 28, when nine of her neighbors and former neighbors gave her a stork shower. They trooped into her home, laden with refreshments and gifts enough to supply practically every need of the new baby.

Two former Greenbelt families send us news of their latest heirs.

Helen and Bob Phelps, who moved from 17-J Ridge to Denver, Colorado, a year ago, became the parents of their fifth child, Steven Robert, on January 5. They have two other boys and two girls.

Del and Millie Mesner, who used to live at 2-N Gardenway with daughter Patti and son Toni, moved to Nebraska several years ago. Their third child, Linda, was born there in 1950. Their fourth child, Larry Don, was born January 26. Congratulations and best wishes from friends in Greenbelt who still miss you! The Mesners now live at 6628 Franklin Street, Omaha 4, Nebraska.

Of the ten guests at the tenth birthday party Sunday of Barbara McGee, 7-D Hillside, two were former Greenbelters, Kathy Wingeard of Garrett Park, Md. and Ellen East of Falls Church, Va. They stayed over Saturday night, and at their respective churches Sunday morning greeted some of their Greenbelt friends. Ellen East thoroughly enjoyed her weekend because she stayed also at the home of her old friend, Janet Miller, 9-J Ridge.

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GCS Managers Switch Stores For Experience

An exchange of food store managers was effected by Greenbelt Consumer Services this week when Pete Caruso took over at the Takoma supermarket and Sam Goldstein came to the Greenbelt store. The shift was made to permit each man to work with the other store personnel, and broaden the experience of both the managers and the employees, according to Bassett Ferguson, assistant manager.

Deanna Bau, teen-age pianist formerly residing in Greenbelt, will be heard in recital on WGMS-FM next Tuesday evening at 8:30 as the fifth of seven finalists in a competition sponsored by the Washington Music Teachers Association.

A pupil of Mrs. William Mirabella since the age of six, Deanna has played for many Greenbelt audiences and performed for the King of Siam several years ago when her family visited overseas. The Baus now live in Washington, where Deanna is a senior at Wilson High School. If she is judged best of the young contestants, she will appear as soloist with the National Symphony under the direction of Howard Mitchell in one of next season's youth concerts.

Her program next Tuesday will include a prelude and fugue by Bach, a Beethoven sonata, an etude and scherzo by Chopin, and two compositions by Villa-Lobos.

Local Chaplain Named Operations Officer

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN - Army Chaplain (Maj.) Milton E. Crist, whose wife, Janet, and three sons, live in Greenbelt, has been named Operations Officer of the Chaplain's section at U. S. Army, Far East Headquarters in Yokohama. Before receiving his present assignment, Crist was chaplain for the 37th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, 40th Brigade, in Yokohama.

A veteran of World War II, he was recalled to active Army duty in May, 1951 with the 260th Anti-Aircraft Artillery National Guard Battalion of Washington.

Before re-entering the Army, Chaplain Crist had been minister of the Potomac Heights Community Church in Washington for five years.

Local Army Officer Assigned To Korea

Following his assignment to the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, Lt. Robert L. Scott, Jr. of Greenbelt received the personal greetings of Maj. Gen. Wayne C. Smith, division commander. Scott, a former student at the University of Maryland, entered the Army in February, 1951. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Scott of 19-A Ridge and his wife, Jacqueline, lives at 7-G Southwest.

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